

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [007] as follows:

[007] The second part 130 is formed to engage with the first member so that it can slide relative to the first member in the direction A-A. The second part also comprises a peg 132 for engaging in the grooves 116 on ~~th~~ the first part 112. The peg 132 can slide in a slot 134 formed in the second part, the slot extending transverse to the direction A-A. The second part 130 also has a part 136 allowing it to be connected to the underside of a bed of a snooker table.

Please amend paragraph [0011] as follows:

[0011] One problem with the prior art height adjusting mechanism 110 is that the peg 132 is moved in the slot 134 purely by contact with the grooves and ribs of the first part. It is possible for the peg to “jam” during the ~~lifting~~ lifting or lowering process; for example, it can come into direct contact with the lowermost part of rib 122, and now be moved sideways as a result of this contact. If this occurs, it is necessary to move the bed laterally with respect to the frame, to attempt to dislodge the peg, which can be difficult as the beds of snooker tables normally have a considerable mass.

Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] Further, the prior art height adjusting mechanism must be mounted directly between the support frame of the table, to which the legs of the table are attached and the bed. This can cause problems ~~is if~~ if the bed ~~if is~~ is particularly thick, as is the case if the table ~~is~~ is used for playing pool and includes a ball-return mechanism.

Please amend paragraph 13 as follows:

[0013] According to the invention, there is provided a position adjustment mechanism, the mechanism comprising:- two cylindrical portions, a first one of the portions being slidably disposed inside a second one of the portions, wherein one of the

portions has at least three detents and the other portion has at least three members for engaging in respective ~~said~~ the detents to hold ~~said~~ the portions in a first position, the members being removable from ~~said~~ the detents to allow ~~said~~ the portions to move into a second position; wherein the detents and members are equi-spaced around the first and second portions. Having three such equi-spaced detents and members affords enhanced stability and solidity. In this regard, being equi-spaced, the detents and members are provided at substantially 120 ° intervals around the circumference of the portions and hence are not diametrically opposite one another. This avoids the possibility that the members will effectively form an axle about which the portions would tend to rock in relation to one another.

Please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:

[0015] Preferably, the portions are biased away from each other by a resilient means device. The use of cylindrical portions allows the provision of such a resilient means device positioned between the portions. These resilient means device tend to urge the positions apart, and this helps prevent the mechanism from jamming.

Please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] In a preferred form, the detents are formed on the first portion, and the members are formed on the second portion. It is preferred for ~~the~~ each detent to form part of a groove formed on the first portion, with the members engaging in respective grooves.

Please amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

[0019] It is further preferred for there to be an odd number of grooves, and a corresponding number of members, greater than \pm one. This reduces the chance of the mechanism jamming.

Please amend paragraph [0022] as follows:

[0022] In a preferred embodiment, a chamber is formed between the cylindrical portions, relative movement of the cylindrical portions being effected through ~~pressurising~~ pressurizing or ~~depressurising~~ depressurizing the chamber.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided apparatus for holding two elements at two longitudinally spaced positions, the apparatus comprising:- a cam circuit provided to for a first one of ~~said the~~ elements; a cam follower provided to for a second one of the elements; wherein the cam circuit directs the cam follower around the circuit as a result of alternating relative longitudinal movements of the first and second elements, relative longitudinal movements between the elements in one direction being effected through ~~pressurising~~ pressurizing or ~~depressurising~~ depressurizing a chamber formed between the elements.

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] With such an arrangement, the need to manually lift an object being supported by the apparatus is avoided. Preferably, the first and second elements comprise respective first and second cylindrical portions, the first one of which is disposed inside the second. In this manner, the first and second cylindrical portions can function as a piston/cylinder arrangement.

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025] Preferably, an end of the first cylindrical portion together with an internal bore of the second cylindrical portion form ~~said the~~ chamber between the elements.

Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] ~~Said~~ The chamber conveniently has a combined fluid inlet/outlet.
Multiple inlet/outlets may provided where suitable.

Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

[0027] The apparatus preferably has a plurality of cam circuit/cam follower combinations positioned non-diametrically opposite around the circumference of the cylindrical portions. Conveniently, three such cam circuit/cam follower combinations ~~and~~ are provided at equal intervals around the circumference of the cylindrical portions.

Please amend paragraph [0030] as follows:

[0030] Figure 2 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the height adjustment mechanism of the invention; ~~and~~

Please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:

[0031] Figures 3a to 3c are perspective views of parts of the mechanism shown in Figure 2: ;

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] Figure 6 shows a ~~part~~ partial cross-sectional view of a height adjustment mechanism of a third embodiment of the present invention; and

Please amend paragraph [0038] as follows:

[0038] The floor-engaging part comprises a foot 18 for resting on the floor, and a threaded rod 20 extending upwardly from the ~~centre~~ center of the foot.

Please amend paragraph [059] as follows:

[0059] In use, the outer cylindrical portion 200 is attached to an object requiring raising and lowering via bolts or the like in flange 217. The inner cylindrical portion is attached to a foot 216 for engaging the ground or other support surface. Other forms of attachment means may be provided for supporting the inner cylindrical portion. Hence the pegs 202 are naturally urged downwardly together with the outer cylindrical portion so that they will seat in one of bays 204 or 205. The ~~means~~ mechanism of attachment to the object need not be provided at the top of the outer cylindrical portion but can be provided at any suitable position on the outer cylindrical portion 200.

Please amend paragraph [0061] as follows:

[0061] Hence, in the embodiment shown in Figure 4, in order to raise and then lower the object through ~~±~~ one complete cycle of the cam circuit, the inner and outer cylindrical portions are moved in alternating longitudinal directions, i.e. apart then together, then apart and then together.

Please amend paragraph [0064] as follows:

[0064] The process is repeated to move the peg from bay 205 back to bay 204 and complete one circuit of the cam circuit. In other words, the chamber is again ~~pressurised~~ pressurized until the peg is at position 207, whereupon the pressure is released such that the peg drops down and is directed to bay 204.

Please amend paragraph [0067] as follows:

[0067] Three non-diametrically opposed cam circuits and pegs are provided around the circumference of the inner and outer cylindrical portions. Three equi-spaced cam circuits and pegs ~~is~~ are particularly preferred as this offers a highly stable support construction. In this respect, not having the pegs diametrically opposite one another is advantageous in that otherwise an axle is effectively formed on which the inner cylindrical portion will tend to rock.

Please amend paragraph [0068] as follows:

[0068] The fluid for use in the system may be a liquid or gas or a combination of the two. In this regard, ~~whilst~~ while gases tend to present greater sealing problems, should there be a leakage then less damage is likely to occur, compared with a liquid leak.

Please amend paragraph [0069] as follows:

[0069] The ~~means~~ mechanism for moving the inner and outer cylindrical portions apart is hence provided in the form of a hydraulic or pneumatic arrangement. Separate inlets and outlets for the fluid may be provided where this is more suitable.

Please amend paragraph [0070] as follows:

[0070] In an alternative arrangement, the ~~means~~ mechanism for moving the outer cylindrical portion and peg upwardly with respect to the inner cylindrical portion may comprise a vacuum arrangement, as shown in Figure 5, a chamber 220 in this regard being formed by extending the outer cylindrical portion below a base of the inner cylindrical portion, with suitable seals 221 provided around an extended foot section 222. Alternative forms of mounting ~~means~~ devices may be provided for attachment to the inner cylindrical portion. A vent 218 is provided in the upper part of the outer cylindrical portion.